

## Biography of James A. Bever


Deputy Assistant Administrator for Asia and Near East  
U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). (Provides leadership primarily on Iraq reconstruction.)

Bever has extensive experience in international development, particularly in the Islamic belt of the Middle East, South Asia, Far East, and northern Africa/Sahel.

He served as USAID Mission Director to the West Bank/Gaza Strip from 2004-2006 (including border crossing/trade security assistance to Israel). From 2003-2004, he was USAID Mission Director to Afghanistan.

Prior senior-level USAID assignments include Director, Office of South Asian Affairs (Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Bangladesh) 2002-2003; Deputy USAID Mission Director to India 1998-2002; Director, Office for Energy, Environment, & Urban Development for Eastern Europe & New Independent States (included \$2 billion of civilian nuclear power plant safety, Bosnian reconstruction, energy and local governance reform) 1992-1998;. Other USAID assignments include Pakistan (during the Russian-Afghan war), Indonesia, and Country Officer for Jordan and the Palestinians (during first Intifada and Gulf War).

In the private sector prior to joining USAID, from 1981-82 he led the Kingdom of Morocco's national energy investment analysis program; from 1979-1981 he led energy management development training for Cabinet-level officials of developing countries (funded by Al'Diriyyah Institute, U.S. DOE, and USAID); from 1977-1979, he was Associate Fellow for the Overseas Development Council on trade and energy programs in Sahelian Africa.



Bever has a Masters Degree from Georgetown University's Foreign Service School and a B.A. in Economics from Cornell University. He lives in Virginia with his family.

